

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 9 to the following forms, and add new claim 10:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing strip comprising

a soft sealing part of hollow tubular form made of extruded flexible thermoplastic elastomer material having an outside surface of open-cell foamed ~~foramed~~ form, having

a first, thin closed-cell covering made of closed-cell material extruded over and onto the outside surface of the seal to close off the open-cell form thereof and presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction at least as great as a predetermined value thereover, characterised by, and

a second, thin covering separate from but extruded onto ~~on the outside~~ outwardly facing surface of the first covering,

the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a ~~lower~~ coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value ~~first covering~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A The strip according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the second covering is made of plastic or rubber material.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A The strip according to claim 1, in combination with and being attached to a longitudinally extending mounting part for mounting the seal strip adjacent a movable member to be compressed thereby to provide a sealing function.

5. (Currently Amended) A The strip according to claim 4, ~~in which~~ wherein the mounting part is also made of thermoplastic elastomer material and the first covering extends thereover.

6. (Currently Amended) A The strip according to claim 5, ~~in which~~ wherein the second covering extends over the first covering on the mounting part.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A The strip according to claim 5, ~~in which~~ wherein the thermoplastic elastomer material of the soft sealing part of the strip and of the mounting part is co-extruded and in which at least the first covering on the strip and on the mounting part is co-extruded.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of making a sealing strip, comprising the steps of
extruding thermoplastic elastomer material in foamed open-cell form to produce a hollow tubular seal having an outside surface of open cell form, and

extruding a first thin covering of closed-cell material onto at least a part of the outside ~~outer~~ surface of the tubular seal ~~open-cell material~~, the covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction with at least a predetermined value and closing off the open-cell form of the tubular seal, and ~~characterised by the step of~~

extruding a second, thin, covering onto at least part of the outwardly facing surface ~~outside of~~ the first covering, the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a lower coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value ~~first covering~~.

Please add claim 10.

10. (New) In combination, a frame of an opening on a vehicle for a door thereof, a door hingedly mounted on the frame for hinged movement to close the opening, and a sealing strip mounted on the frame for sealing between the frame and the door, the sealing strip comprising

a longitudinally extending mounting part adapted to be secured to the frame,

a soft sealing part of hollow tubular form made of extruded flexible thermoplastic elastomer material having an outside surface of open-cell foamed form,

a first, thin covering made of closed-cell material extruded over and onto the outside surface of the seal to close off the open-cell form thereof and having an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction at least as great as a predetermined value, and

a second thin covering separate from, but extruded onto, the outwardly facing surface of the first covering,

the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface and the sealing part being carried by the mounting part so that the outwardly facing surface of the second covering is presented to and contacted by the door when hingedly moving to close the opening and the sealing part is sealingly compressed thereby,

the outwardly facing surface of the second covering having a coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value whereby to facilitate sliding of the door thereover during the hinged movement of the door.

Please cancel claims 3 and 7 without prejudice.